

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 BONN 05822 191939 Z

71

ACTION AGR-20

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 AID-20 CEA-02 CIAE-00 COME-00

EB-11 EA-11 FRB-02 INR-10 IO-12 NEA-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01

OPIC-12 TRSE-00 CIEP-02 LAB-06 SIL-01 OMB-01 DODE-00

PA-03 USIA-12 PRS-01 SS-15 NSC-10 RSR-01 /189 W

----- 116242

R 191711 Z APR 73

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4630

UNCLAS BONN 5822

PASS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: EAGR: GW

SUBJECT: GERMAN PRESS COMMENTS REGARDING SECRETARY BUTZ' STATEMENTS
IN PARIS

1. FRG PRESS REPORTS OF OECD MEETINGS AND SECRETARY BUTZ' PRESS
CONFERENCE IN PARIS WERE CLOSE TO THE LINE OF PARIS RELEASES AND THUS
FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. THE HANDELSBLATT OF 13 APRIL HEADLINED ITS ARTICLE ON THE OECD
MEETING WITH " SHARP CRITICISM BY THE UNITED STATES ON THE COMMON
AGRICULTURAL MARKET" AND SUMMARIZED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS: " THE
DANGER EXISTS, IN CASE THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS NOT READY TO OPEN
ITS AGRICULTURAL MARKETS, THAT THE AMERICAN MARKET FOR INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTS WILL BE CLOSED. THIS CLEAR ALTERNATIVE WAS FORMULATED BY
THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL MINISTER, EARL BUTZ, AT THE CONFERENCE IN
PARIS OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS OF THE 23 MEMBERS STATES OF THE
ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT." THE ARTICLE
WENT ON TO REPORT SECRETARY BUTZ AS STATING THAT "... HIS GOVERNMENT
WOULD NOT PERMIT SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AGRICULTURE." ACCORDING
TO BUTZ, AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF OTHER
ECONOMIC SECTORS AND "... NATIONS WHICH SEEK TO FURTHER EXPAND INDUS-
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BONN 05822 191939 Z

TRIAL MARKETS, WOULD HAVE TO NEGOTIATE THE OPENING OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETS."

3. THE MUENCHNER MERKUR HEADLINED ITS ARTICLE " U. S. ATTACKE EUROPE' S AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION" AND LED OFF WITH THE SENTENCE " A CLEAR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS CAME OUT OF THE AGRICULTURAL OECD MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN PARIS." THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SECRETARY BUTZ CHALLENGED EUROPE TO LIBERALIZE TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND TO GIVE UP THE PROTECTION FOR AGRICULTURE. " THE U. S. WOULD LIKE TO KEEP EUROPE AS ONE OF ITS LARGEST MARKETS."

BONNER RUNDSCHAU PUBLISHED A PICTURE OF SECRETARY BUTZ SHOPPING IN A PARIS MEAT MARKET. THE COMMENT UNDER THE PICTURE STATED THAT LAMB CHOPS WERE DM 1.10 EACH, WHEREAS IN CONTRAST PRICES IN THE USA HAVE RUN AWAY FROM THE HOUSEWIVES.

5. VWD EUROPE 12 APRIL REPORTED THAT SECRETARY BUTZ AIMED " A SHARP ATTACK AT THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND EXPLAINED THAT THE U. S. GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY RESOLVED NOT TO PERMIT A SEPARATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL TARIFF AND TRADE PROBLEMS IN THE UPCOMING GATT NEGOTIATIONS. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MUST OPEN ITS AGRICULTURAL MARKETS, OTHERWISE THE UNITED STATES MARKET FOR EC INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS COULD BE CLOSED. BUTZ ANNOUNCED THE IMMEDIATE REPLANTING OF 18 MILLION RESERVE ACRES WITH GRAINS AND SOYBEANS, WHICH WILL HELP ALLEVIATE THE PRESENT SHORTAGE OF THSES PRODUCTS."

6. ON 13 APRIL, VWD EUROPA ALSO CARRIED THE STATEMENT THAT THE U. S. GOVERNMENT IS AGAINST THE COMMISSION' S PROPOSALS FOR A 2.76 PERCENT AVERAGE PRICE INCREASE FOR EEC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. " SECRETARY BUTZ EXPLAINED THAT SUCH AN INCREASE IN THE COMMUNITY' S PRICES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WOULD BE DISADVANTAGEOUS NOT ONLY FOR THE COMMON MARKET, BUT ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY' S TRADE WITH THE USA." HILLENBRAND

UNCLASSIFIED

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** UNCLASSIFIED

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GW
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 APR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BONN05822
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: n/a
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730448/aaaaiuiz.tel
Line Count: 101
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AGR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kellerpr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03-Dec-2001 by elbezefj>; APPROVED <01 MAR 2002 by kellerpr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> wfs 980127
Subject: GERMAN PRESS COMMENTS REGARDING
TAGS: EAGR, GM
To: AGR
SECSTATE WASHDC
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005